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NEWS 1

Man wanted in Fisher Avenue shooting turns himself in

Charges. Suspect made his first court appearance on Thursday

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A man wanted by police on four counts of attempted murder has turned himself in, police said on Thursday.

Lawyer Richard Addelman said his client Hussein Mohammad, 26, gave himself up on Wednesday.

Police allege that on July 18, Mohammad fired at a group of people in the rear parking lot of the Windfields Apartments on Fisher Avenue, but missed his targets and hit a vehicle.

Addelman said it was too early to comment on the details of the case, but said Mohammad is offering some co-operation to police.

"He co-operated with police to the extent that he turned himself in," Addelman said. "I'm not sure what else he should be doing at this point other than exercising his rights. I don't know if they'd consider it co-operation, but he certainly turned himself in and was polite with them."

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Hussein Mohammad CONTRIBUTED

Denis Peda, a Grade 12 student, worked with 10 others to imagine Ventus, a wristband fitted with a gyroscope that would track its wearer's movements and help a person combat obesity. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Go-getting teens give new meaning to 'fat camp'

Teens from across Canada have come up with an innovative way to help fight obesity while learning how to pull together as a team at a month-long summer camp.

"Obesity is not about being a large person," said Denis Peda, a Grade 12 student from Toronto, who worked with 10 others to imagine Ventus, a wristband fitted with a gyroscope to track its wearer's movements. "As long as you're an active, healthy person, you don't have to adhere to a thin stereotype."

Peda and her team came up with the idea at Carleton University's Shad Valley summer camp, which brings together 56 high-achieving students to unleash their entrepreneurial and innovative power.

Since 4.5 million Canadians are classified as being obese, this year's theme focused on coming up with products that will help bring that number down.

Ventus, Peda said, would work by collecting data on its user's activities and then uploading them to a social network where users would compete with their friends.

"The more exercise you do, the more points you get in the community," she said. "It's been a great experience learning what it's like to work as an entrepreneur."

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Mobile news

Three mischievous bear cubs found themselves in trouble last week after getting stuck in a dumpster. Scan the code to watch their daring escape.

Ouster. Olympic team turfs photographer in favour of Harper staffer

An Ottawa-based freelance photographer is considering legal action against the Canadian Olympic Committee after being fired as a team photographer.

Chris Roussakis says he was supposed to be in London as the official photographer for Canada's Olympic team, but was told in June the job was no longer his.

The photographer who is now working with the team is a member of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's staff. Jason Ransom will be among friends there; the COC's director of communications is Harper's former chief spokesman Dimitri Soudas. Ransom took a leave of absence from Harper's staff for the job and cleared it with the ethics commissioner.

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"Jason, before joining the prime minister's office, was an award-winning photo journalist, so we're extremely lucky to have him."

Dimitri Soudas

Meanwhile, Roussakis has retained a lawyer and says he is seeking compensation from the COC. If that fails, he will consider a lawsuit.

"This was going to be the biggest break of my career," he said. "(To) have it taken away from me at the last second — it hurts beyond explanation," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Found in river

Police investigating dead man's last steps

Police are asking for help in retracing the steps of a local man whose body was found in the Rideau River last Tuesday.

Police pulled the body of David Sebareme, 30, from the river on July 17, near North River Road and Queen Mary Street. Authorities are trying to track Sebareme's whereabouts from July 12 to the time his body was discovered. The cause of his death is under investigation.

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Mix-up. Canoeist looks to Rio after losing Games spot

Ottawa canoeist Cam Smedley will be watching the Olympics from home, after the spot he was almost sure he was getting fell through.

"It's bittersweet," said Smedley on Thursday.

For all of the athletes about to compete in the 2012 games, there are many other world-class competitors who just missed their chance. A mix-up with the International Canoeing Federation led Canoe Kayak Canada to tell Smedley in May he'd get Canada's "bonus" spot at the games.

They had sent him to an Olympic training camp in London in May, and it wasn't until he returned to Canada that he found out, under recently revised rules, the spot ended up going to Argentina instead.

"I'm a little bit frustrated, because that's what I was working for," he said. "But I was already told I wasn't going before this happened. It was a bonus, and then the bonus was taken back." Smedley doesn't regret the extra training with Team Canada paddlers Michal Staniszewski and Michael Tayler, and he said watching the games from home will be more interesting now that he knows the course, he added. "Rio (2016) is definitely the next goal," he added. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Quoted

"(Rio 2016 is) a way down the road from now, but you have to keep training, always."
Ottawa canoeist Cam Smedley

Cam Smedley takes his first run during the U.S. and Canadian Olympic Team trials at the U.S. National Whitewater Center on April 13. BEN GOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian athletes show confidence in every breath, says city councillor

Olympics. Fleury volunteering as outfitter, touts red sunglasses as this year's red mittens

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Standing beside Canada's athletes, Ottawa city Coun. Mathieu Fleury can feel their confidence in every breath as they head to the Olympic village.

"I look at them and all I see is confidence and readiness," said Fleury from London, England, where he started volunteering as an Olympic outfitter July 9, making sure every athlete is dressed from head to toe in official Hudson's Bay Co. Olympic duds.

On Wednesday, Fleury was packing some 668 bags full of hats and shirts — as well as stylish sunglasses that he thinks will become the next sensation after the Vancouver 2010 red mittens.

"You can buy them at The Bay for $10," he said. "It seems like it's simple items like these that really catch on for people to support our athletes."

On his daily trek to a west London warehouse where he and the outfitting team give each athlete 30 pieces of clothing to try on, Fleury said he can already see things picking up.

"We're one station past the Olympic Park station and we've seen a change in the past two weeks," he said. "Now it's booming with activity. There's lots of security and athletes sporting colours from flags from all over the world."

An experienced swimmer himself, Fleury said he's excited to see what American Michael Phelps pulls in this year. Yet he's even more excited to see if Ottawa's talent rises to the podium with local relay runner Olywasegun Makinde set to compete as well as kayaker Michael Tayler.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury, second from left, hangs out with the rest of the Canadian Olympic athlete outfitting crew. COURTESY MATHIEU FLEURY

Learning from London

- There could be more coming back from London than a medal haul. Fleury plans on bringing home ideas on how to make Ottawa a better city too.
- "London's transit system is 100 years ahead of us," he said. "They combine systems like no tomorrow. The streets here also aren't made to drive fast and I haven't seen a lot of speeding."

Goalball. Ottawa sergeant to be Paralympics referee

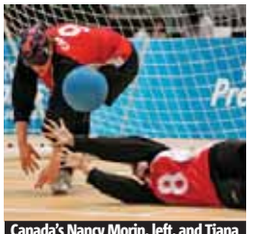
Ottawa Police Sgt. Dawna Christy is going to London to referee goalball games at the 2012 Paralympics.

"My husband used to say you'd be a great referee because cops are, basically, referees," she said Thursday.

Christy's husband has played the sport for about 20 years and competed in five Paralympic Games. Goalball is played by two teams of three blindfolded players who compete on a court with long goals on each end. They use a basketball-sized ball that doesn't bounce, which has bells inside and sound holes.

One side will bowl the ball to the opposing goal — at speeds of about 80 km/h in top competitions — and the defending team will listen for it and throw themselves in front of it to prevent a goal.

Christy said it's a great sport for schools, because the blindfolds allow blind or visually impaired students to play on an equal footing with their classmates. JESSICA SMITH/METRO



Canada's Nancy Morin, left, and Tiana Knight block a ball during the London International Goalball Tournament in 2011. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's online

- Jody Schloss was severely injured in a car accident nearly 20 years ago, but now the Ottawa woman is heading to the Paralympic Games to represent Canada. Read her story at metronews.ca.

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Students on Ice

Ottawa students heading to Arctic

Three Ottawa high school students are headed to the Arctic on Sunday as part of the latest Students on Ice: Arctic Expedition 2012.

Seventy-five international students and a team of 35 world-class scientists, explorers, educators, polar experts and aboriginal elders will come together to discuss the growing importance of climate change and sustainability in the Arctic.

The ship- and land-based journey launches from Iqaluit and will explore the eastern Canadian Arctic and western Greenland.

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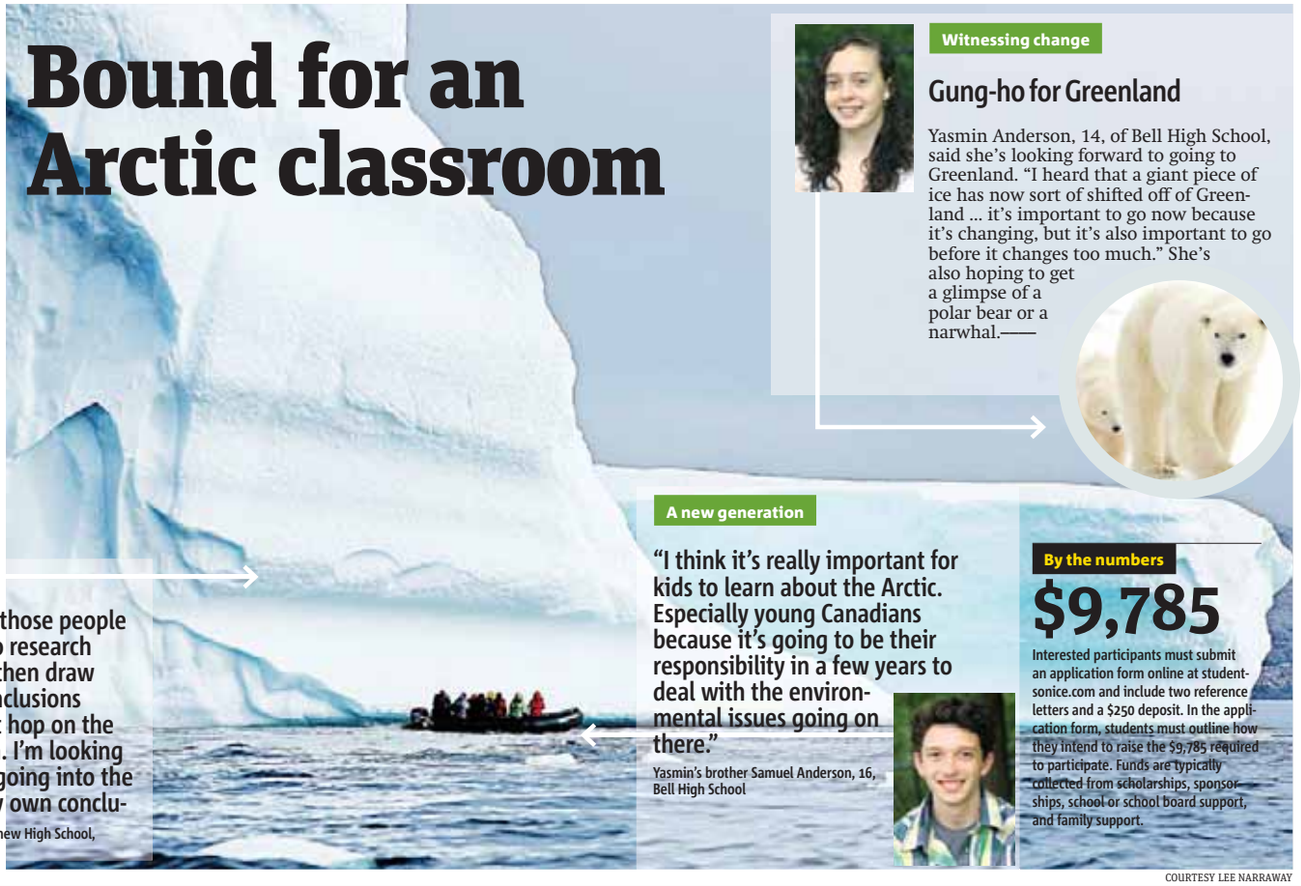
Bound for an Arctic classroom



Witnessing change

Gung-ho for Greenland

Yasmin Anderson, 14, of Bell High School, said she's looking forward to going to Greenland. "I heard that a giant piece of ice has now sort of shifted off of Greenland ... it's important to go now because it's changing, but it's also important to go before it changes too much." She's also hoping to get a glimpse of a polar bear or a narwhal.——

Global warming

"I'm one of those people who likes to research things and then draw my own conclusions and not just hop on the bandwagon. I'm looking forward to going into the situation and drawing my own conclusions." Michela Panarella, 17, St. Matthew High School, speaking on global warming.

A new generation

"I think it's really important for kids to learn about the Arctic. Especially young Canadians because it's going to be their responsibility in a few years to deal with the environmental issues going on there."

Yasmin's brother Samuel Anderson, 16, Bell High School

By the numbers

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Medical bills likely to soar for some theatre shooting victims

Colorado. An unknown number of the injured still face a long recovery and the associated costs

Bonnie Kate Pourciau, 18, a victim of the Aurora theatre shooting, speaks from her hospital bed Wednesday, alongside her mother, Kathleen, and father, Trace. ANDY CROSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some of the victims fighting for their lives after being wounded in last week's Colorado theatre rampage may face enormous medical bills without the benefit of health insurance.

The U.S. doesn't have universal health coverage, though hospitals are required by federal law to stabilize patients during emergencies without regard to their ability to pay.

The Obama administration's health care overhaul would cover millions more uninsured, but Republicans strongly object to its cost.

Members of the public have contributed nearly $2 million to help victims, including the Warner Bros. studio that released the Batman movie that was showing when the gunman opened fire. But it's not clear how much of that money will cover medical expenses.

One victim's family is already raising money online. And three of the five hospitals treating victims said Wednesday they will limit or completely wipe out medical bills.

An unknown number of the victims, however, still face a long recovery and the associated medical costs without health insurance.

Nearly one in three Coloradans, or about 1.5 million, either have no health insurance or have coverage that is inadequate, according to a 2011 report by The Colorado Trust, a health care advocacy group.

The highest uninsured rate is among adults between 18 and 34. Many victims are in that age group.

Among the uninsured victims is a 23-year-old aspiring comic, Caleb Medley, who is in critical condition with a head wound. His wife, Katie, gave birth to their first child on Tuesday.

His family and friends said they have set a goal of raising $500,000 to cover his hospital bills and other expenses and were more than halfway there Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Many of these people, I assume, will need prolonged and expensive rehabilitation after their immediate injuries are dealt with, and that seems precisely what hospitals today are less and less willing to cover out of their own funds."

Dr. Howard Brody, director of the Institute for Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a frequent critic of excessive medical costs.

Unsettling connection

Warner Bros. has moved the release of Gangster Squad to January after the film's climactic cinema shoot-out scene drew comparisons to the Aurora, Colo., shooting. Gangster Squad chronicles a bloody 1940s battle between Los Angeles police and mobsters. It culminates in a scene where gangsters shoot automatic weapons into a crowded movie theatre from behind the screen.

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Family grieves loss of Jun Lin at burial

Funeral. Mourners pay respects to the victim of a brutal dismemberment slaying in Montreal

Daran Lin breaks down at the urn bearing the remains of his son, Jun Lin, during funeral services Thursday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's a word the mother of dismembered Chinese student Jun Lin never thought she'd associate with the man charged with murdering her son in brutal fashion.

Sympathy.

Originally, sorrow and anger dominated Zhigui Du's thoughts as she asked herself how such an appalling thing could happen to her son in a kind and peaceful country like Canada.

But as she laid her 33-year-old son to rest Thursday, Du said she has begun to feel sympathy on some level toward a man she calls the "devil."

"Back then, I could only use 'devil' to describe the alleged murderer," said Du, whose son's gruesome murder captured worldwide attention.

"But later on, when I learned more about this suspect through different news sources, especially about his upbringing, I shockingly discovered my other self who has started to develop sympathy for this person."

Du, who was too distraught to attend the funeral itself, made the remarks through an interpreter during a eulogy she gave at a later news conference.

Lin's dismembered torso was found in a suitcase dumped outside a Montreal apartment building. Other body parts were mailed to different parts of the country. Luka Rocco Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

The family decided to bury their son's remains in the land he loved and in the city he loved most. In an emotional ceremony, Lin's father sobbed openly as he sat in the front row. Before the ceremony, he entered the chamber and clutched his son's urn, crying uncontrollably.

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Most remaining Zellers stores to close their doors

Hudson's Bay Co.
Parent company says running the last 64 locations is no longer viable

Zellers stores may soon join now-defunct Canadian chains as a relic of the retail past after its parent company said Thursday it will close most of the 64 remaining locations, affecting up to 6,400 jobs.

Hudson's Bay Co. — Zellers Inc.'s parent company — has been contemplating what to do with the brand since last year when it sold the majority of the leases for its 279 discount stores to Target Corp. for $1.83 billion.

Spokeswoman Tiffany Bourré said Zellers is "considering options" for certain locations, including "rebranding some stores" — a determination that has yet to be made.

Zellers, which offers everything from housewares to hosiery, has faced an onslaught of competition from large U.S. retailers in recent years, most notably from Walmart, which has been expanding into a one-stop destination with dry-cleaning services and a full suite of groceries. Zellers was one of the last remaining large Canadian discount retailers after the Woolco, BiWay and Bargain Harold's brands became extinct years ago. The company said it operates 64 stores that were not acquired by Target, or were already slated for closure.

Zellers has been a key part of the Hudson Bay portfolio since 1978, emerging as the company's discount retail subsidiary by offering clothing and household items at lower price points.

It remained in the HBC fold as the company refocused its efforts on its core retail business in the 1980s and 1990s.

In recent years the company has made efforts to revitalize its Bay stores, hiring former Holt Renfrew executive Bonnie Brooks as chief executive officer, introducing high-end boutique spaces in its Toronto flagship store, and securing the rights to produce uniforms and merchandise for Canada's Olympic athletes.

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Leasehold interests

Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores in Canada. It has purchased the leasehold interests of 189 sites currently operated by Zellers Inc. and it says about $10 million to $11 million will be invested to remodel each facility.

- The U.S. retailer is poised to begin opening the first of the stores acquired from Hudson's Bay Co. next year.

Consumer training camp?

Apple worker Tiffany White leads Camp Apple at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday. At the three-day camp, students ages eight to 12 learn how to shoot their own footage, create an original song in GarageBand on an iPad, and put it all together in iMovie on a Mac. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google

Kansas City Internet going warp speed

Google Inc. revealed Thursday what it will charge for its long-awaited, ultra-fast "gigabit" Internet service in Kansas City, about 100 times faster than a basic cable modem: $70 US per month. The service is intended as a showcase for what's technically possible. Bypassing the local cable and phone companies, Google has spent months and an unknown amount of money pulling its own optical fibre through the Kansas City region.

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Market Minute

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Talk money before walking down the aisle: Experts

Shannon Fostka, who has concerns about how to share finances after she gets married, poses for a photo with her fiancé Jeff Stritzel, at their Toronto home on Monday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bride-to-be Shannon Fostka's wedding plans don't include a fairy tale dress or lavish reception — she's done it before and this time around she's pledged to start married life on a sound financial footing.

After reuniting with fiancé Jeff Stritzel — an old high school friend who has also been married before — through Facebook and dating for about a year, Fostka, a 36-year-old marketing specialist, wants to make sure they're on the same page of the balance book.

While it's easy to get swept up in the romance of a wedding, marriage is also a contract that comes with weighty financial decisions: will you take on each other's debts and assets? Are you going to merge all your money or keep some separate? And how are you going to divvy up bill payments and other responsibilities?

These are the type of questions you need to ask one another before walking down the aisle. Canada's divorce rate is 41 per cent and money is one of the big things couples fight about.

Most importantly, couples should be up front about their situations and have a plan before going in — written if possible, experts say.

Alim Dhanji, a certified financial planner at Assante Financial Management, suggests that writing up a budget before getting married can help open a dialogue and bring a person's financial past to light.

If one person is bringing in debt, talk about whether you're willing to take that on, or whether it's better to wait to get married until after that debt is paid.

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Free advice

Sometimes people are embarrassed to talk about their situation if they feel their partner is better off than they are.

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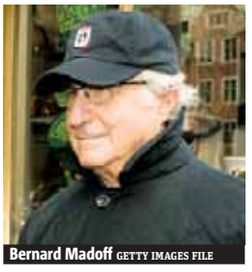
Madoff victims. Trustee hopes to return $2.4B more

Victims of imprisoned Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme could be getting back more of their stolen money.

Irving Picard, the trustee in charge of liquidating Madoff's assets, is asking a New York court for permission to distribute another $1.5 billion to $2.4 billion US to investors who lost money in Madoff's fraudulent investments.

Picard's job is to recover as much money as possible for the victims, and the process has been arduous. Ever since Madoff's firm collapsed, more than three and a half years ago, the victims who are trying to get their money back have filed lawsuits and made other complaints over how Picard has chosen to distribute the money.


Bernard Madoff GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Ford recall. Escape SUV has sticky throttle

Ford is recalling nearly 485,000 Escape and Mavericks to fix sticking gas pedals that can cause crashes.

The worldwide recall affects the 2001 through 2004 model years that are powered by 3-litre V-6 engines with cruise control. It comes just over a week after U.S. safety regulators began investigating the small SUVs, which are called Mavericks in Europe.

The recall affects 421,000 Escapes in the U.S. The rest are in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia and some smaller markets.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received 68 complaints about the problem, including 13 crashes, nine injuries and one death. A teenage girl died when an Escape crashed in Arizona in January.

It's the third recall in two weeks for the Escape, which was the top-selling SUV in the U.S. last month. A week ago Ford recalled 11,500 of the all-new 2013 models with 1.6-litre engines because the fuel lines can crack and leak gasoline, causing fires. A few days before that, it recalled 10,000 2013 Escapes to fix carpet padding that could interfere with braking.

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REALITY BITES FOR SULLIED SNOW WHITE

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
Metro

1 **Olympic insecurity.** There's about one soldier for every athlete ready to take part in the 2012 London Games. At least I think they're ready. On a visit to London, U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who organized the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, said the last-minute security issues in London were "disturbing." That prompted U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to retort that anybody can organize the Olympic Games "in the middle of nowhere." England 1, Tea Party 0.

2 **Love bites.** Robert Pattinson is "heartbroken and angry" (says a source) and has moved out of the Beverly Hills home he shared with Kristen Stewart, his Twilight co-star, after she was caught biting someone else's neck. The other party was not a werewolf, but the director of Stewart's latest movie Snow White and the Huntsman — an entirely different kind of predator.

3 **Speaking of bats.** Christian Bale, whose Batman series may have inspired James Holmes to allegedly murder a dozen innocent moviegoers, shows he, at least, understands the difference between reality and illusion by turning up at the bedsides of the survivors and attending memorial services for the dead. Holmes, meanwhile, ain't even close: He reportedly keeps asking his jailer how the movie ends. With any luck, he'll spend eternity in hell still wondering.

4 **The war between Alberta and B.C.** The nation is mesmerized as the two western-most premiers duke it out over royalties and risk regarding the yet-to-be-approved Enbridge pipeline carrying Alberta oilsands oil across B.C. to port for Asian customers. B.C.'s Christy Clark wants less risk and more royalties; Alberta's Alison Redford says: Bite me! Are we beginning to sense a theme here?

5 **In other CO_2 news,** Greenland melts. As in 97 per cent of the ice sheet covering the island. The last time that happened was 1889. On May 29, the temperature at the southern weather station reached 24.8 C, a record. If the whole ice cap melts, sea levels will rise by seven metres. But not to worry, global warming's some kind of elaborate hoax. Easy to say, unless you live on the coast.

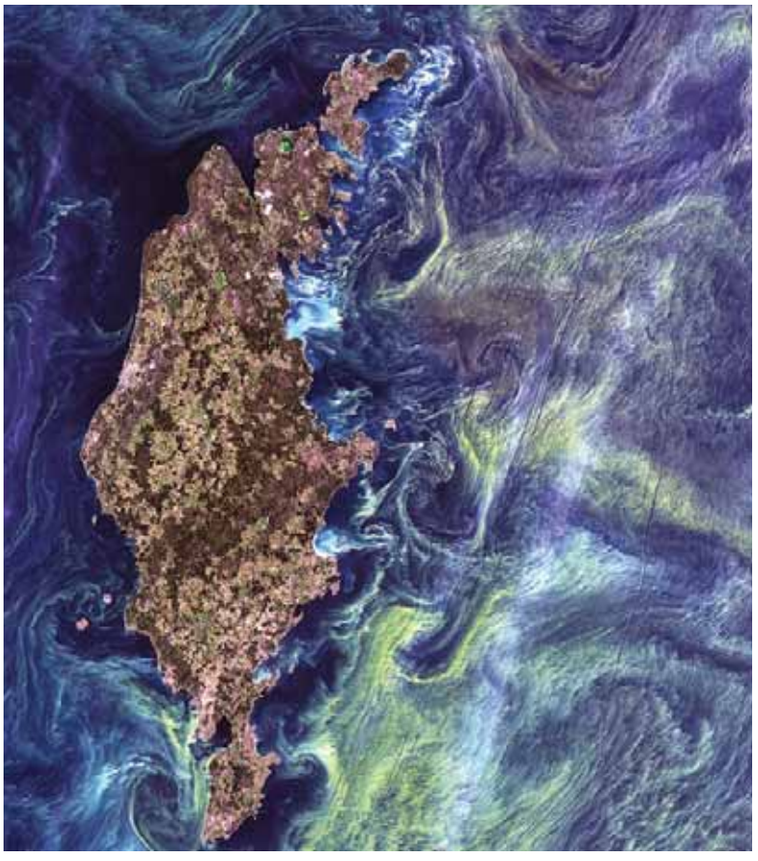
6 **In other H_2O news.** Lucky Larry, the 17-pound lobster, has been saved. After surviving anywhere between 70 and 100 years, Lucky Larry was unlucky enough to end up on the menu at a restaurant in Connecticut, drawing local gawkers who wanted to laugh and point before his Last Bath. But "good lobsterian" Don MacKenzie saved Larry and set him free, invoking the sanity claws.

7 **They call the judge "Mariah."** Mariah Carey replaces Jennifer Lopez as a judge on American Idol, which is only fitting, as she's the one responsible for the legions of competing copycat divas who pretend to play the microphone like a trumpet and lard their vocals with overblown, unnecessary runs and trills. Mother Carey's chickens come home to roost.

8 **Speaking of birds.** It's hard to believe, but Twitter went down Thursday right in the middle of all the above exciting stuff, probably because everyone was tweeting about Robert and Kristen's vampire games. For about an hour, no birds sang. And then, of course, the most popular topic was #WhenTwitterWasDown … after it went up.

9 **BieberWatch.** Justin, as part of his maturity project, has gotten a new tattoo following the release of his latest album, Believe. Why am I thinking about that great line from Finding Nemo? "I think I just inked myself." Well, what else could he do? Twitter was down.

Planet Earth as a canvas



Earth photography

Photo of island and luminous plankton wins public vote

In this amazing island-and-sea photograph, you can almost see Van Gogh's famous painting The Starry Night. The image of greenish phytoplankton swirling around Gotland, a Swedish island in the Baltic Sea, was voted by the public as the top image from NASA's Earth as Art collection. The collection is based on more than 40 years' worth of images from the space agency's Earth-observation satellites.

Since 1972, NASA's Landsat earth-observing program has become a vital reference worldwide for understanding scientific issues related to land use and natural resources.

Beyond the scientific information they supply, some Landsat images are simply striking to look at, presenting spectacular views of mountains, valleys and islands as well as forests, grasslands and agricultural patterns.

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Q & A

'Great combination of colours and patterns'

In your opinion, what made this particular photo a winning one?
This image of Gotland — acquired in July 2005 — was a particularly popular one thanks to its great combination of colours and patterns.

What is also noteworthy — and especially so for biologists — concerns the blooms of phytoplankton. These microscopic organisms contain a green chlorophyll pigment they use to generate nutrients with the help of sunlight. But in this area near Gotland, the clutters of phytoplankton are very unusual.

RONALD BECK
Public information specialist at Landsat

Vincent van Gogh's The Starry Night is one of the Dutch artist's most iconic and globally recognizable works. GOOGLE ART PROJECT

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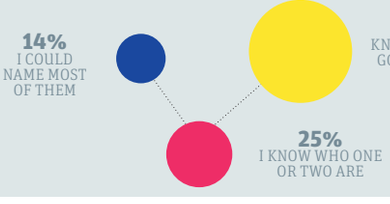

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@auxonic: Tasty as always! Best taqueria in #ottawa (@ Corazon De Maiz) http://t.co/BhfQ1d0B

@Arctic_Kitsune: Beer & Wine should be sold anywhere, not just in the Beer Store or LCBO, like in Europe and Cuba. Silly minds not wanting it. #Ottawa

@mbouf: So over today.

@DebsterL27: Thank you again #SDK #ephin and the boys!! Your stop in #ottawa was a blast! We should do it again soon http://t.co/nsD7lgH3

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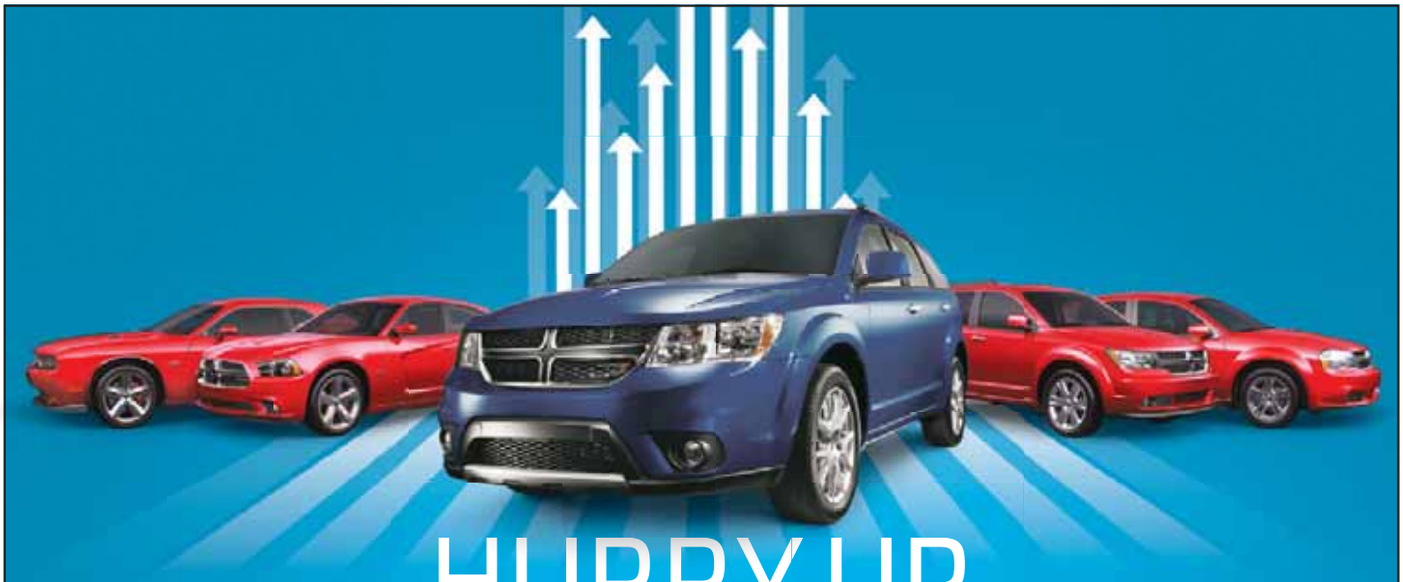

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The Watch shifts from police procedural to comedy to alien invasion. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Scripts that go clunk in the night

The Watch. Three of the funniest guys around can't even save this lacklustre comedy

Richard: Mark, The Watch mixes and matches an alien invasion story with a police procedural story and comedy in the same way that it throws together its three over the title stars, Stiller, Hill and Vaughn. That is to say, sloppily. It hopes to win audiences by giving them a little of everything, but feels like the cinematic equivalent of an unmade bed. Luckily newcomer (to us anyway) Richard Ayoade spices things up.

Mark: Richard, I didn't even like this movie when it was called Ghostbusters. And that movie had an iconic cast and was very much of its moment. But this flick feels so ripped off that even the colour of the slime is the same. Yes, Ayoade is good, and I hope to see him in a better movie soon. And Vince Vaughan can't help but be funny. But you're right about the sloppiness of the whole enterprise. Every scene and every character has a different tone, resulting in a tone-deaf comedy. I don't think I laughed once.

RC: I liked this more than you think. I laughed, but the giggles didn't come as the result of a well-crafted script or an intelligent diction. They come because this crew of veterans knows how to suck a laugh out of almost anything. Vaughn made me laugh here and there, but his fast-talking act wore thin for me a long time ago. Ditto Stiller and Hill and their trademarks. I was happy to have a breath of fresh air in the form of Ayoade, who can make a throwaway line like, "That was stressful," the funniest gag in the film.

MB: Yes, we're dealing with comedy pros here. The acting isn't the problem. The script — even the idea of the script — is. This wheezy contraption felt completely fake, especially at the end when the movie turns violent. I mean, come on, is anyone in the theatre supposed to be scared of the aliens? Or care about the "heroes?" This is Hollywood committee writing at its worst, Richard, and you know it!

RC: I agree, but if you go in like I did, with low to no expectations, you'll laugh occasionally. Not loudly, and not often, but you'll laugh. If it is alien comedy that you're after, however, you may be better off renting Paul, starring Nick Frost, Simon Pegg and a foul mouthed ET.

MB: Or Galaxy Quest or even Earth Girls are Easy. I think if this had been a pure comedy, or even a pure thriller, I might have enjoyed it, but it's a hybrid in which the two genres cancel each other out. At least Ghostbusters knew it was silly.

Synopsis

When a security guard is found skinned alive at a Costco, the store's manager Evan (Ben Stiller) vows to find his employee's killer. To get the job done he starts a Neighborhood Watch with three misfit volunteers from the community. Bob (Vince Vaughn) is a manchild with a wild child daughter. Franklin (Jonah Hill) is a psycho cop wannabe and Jamarkus (Richard Ayoade) joined because he hopes it will help him meet women. They discover the killer may not be of this planet!

- Richard: ●●○○○
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Drama/Music

Step Up Revolution

Director. Scott Speer

Stars. Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick

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This installment of the franchise is now transported to Miami and introduces an entirely new cast. A local dance crew stages spontaneous routines on the city's streets in the hopes of winning a viral video challenge. But when a developer threatens to tear down their neighbourhood, the tycoon's own daughter shows her new friends that their fancy footwork can be used to save their area from destruction. Once again, the dance sequences are spectacular. But can't we please get a movie that offers more than your average music video?

IAN GORMELY

Comedy

Safety Not Guaranteed

Director. Colin Treverrow

Stars. Aubrey Plaza, Mark Duplass

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Based very loosely on a real classified ad seeking fellow time travellers, Safety Not Guaranteed focuses on a group of magazine upstarts investigating the ad's eccentric author. Aubrey Plaza (TV's Parks and Recreation) and filmmaker/actor Mark Duplass (Cyrus) as the would-be explorer give the film a sweet, resonant likeability, but the alluring peculiar plot loses punch with an overly sentimental finale.

STEVE GOW

Drama

Beasts of the Southern Wild

Director. Benh Zeitlin

Stars. Quevenzhane Wallis, Dwight Henry

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This critically praised indie is shot with a poet's eye but it's not poetry. Director Benh Zeitlin's debut slams together artful mysticism and calculated naturalism to create a dubious sort of hybrid. Six-year-old Quevenzhane Wallis holds the fort as a motherless sprite endangered by a storm but the other characters are blurry and the relentless reaching for "powerful" effects grows tiring by the end.

ADAM NAYMAN

Drama

The Woman in the 5th

Director. Pawel Pawlikowski

Stars. Ethan Hawke, Kristin Scott Thomas

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For a thriller, The Woman in the 5th doesn't deliver as much frenzy as it does frustration. Ethan Hawke plays an American writer who returns to Paris to reunite with his estranged daughter and ends up in a tryst with a cryptic widow. While the engaging performances enchant, the drama leaves its murky ends loose and the wandering storyline will rattle fans looking for a conventional mystery.

STEVE GOW

Sushi Girl. Luke Skywalker joins the dark side in new crime flick

Mark Hamill is a pop culture icon — and now a sadistic robber in his latest film. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Star Wars could have been a lot different if Mark Hamill had picked his role.

"I remember reading Star Wars and thinking, boy, I wish I could be playing Darth Vader — that's the part,' " Hamill said.

There was never any question of that, however, and he went on to become a pop culture icon as plucky Luke Skywalker, the intrepid space adventurer who helps derail the evil Vader's plans for galactic domination in three Star Wars films.

Hamill's latest role is a galaxy away from the earnest Skywalker. In Sushi Girl, a crime noir flick having its international premiere at Montreal's Fantasia Film Festival, he plays Crow, a sadistic robber who inflicts pain with all the nonchalance of a chat between Skywalker and his robot pal R2D2.

"Every actor wants to push the envelope and explore the extremes on both sides," Hamill said, calling Skywalker "an icon of virtue."

In Sushi Girl, Hamill teams with a roster of horror and action movie stars including James Duval from Donnie Darko, serial heavy Andy Mackenzie (Shoot 'Em Up), Michael Biehn, who duked it out with Arnold Schwarzenegger in The Terminator, and Tony Todd, who chilled filmgoers in The Candyman and has appeared on various TV shows including 24.

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325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG) Fri 7:05 Sat 4:59-8:59 Sun 4:10 Mon 8:50 Tue 4:45 Wed-Thu 6:55
The Extraordinary Voyage (STC) Wed 8:59 Thu 5:10
The Intouchables (14A) Sun 6:15 Mon 4:30 Tue 6:50 Wed 4:30
Moonrise Kingdom (PG) Fri 4:59
The Story of Film: An Odyssey Part 6 of 8 (STC) Sat 2:30
The Story of Film: An Odyssey, Part 7 (STC) Thu 8:59
A Trip to the Moon (STC) Wed-Thu
The Woman in the Fifth (STC) Fri 9:10 Sat 7:05 Sun 2:15-8:40 Mon 6:55 Tue 9:15

Canadian Museum of Nature
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (STC) Fri-Wed 11:35-12:45-3:05 Thu 11:35-12:45-3:05-6 Fri-Wed 12:10-3:40 Thu 12:10-3:40-6:35
Turtle Vision 3D (STC) Fri 9:50-11-1:20-2:30-4:15-5:25 Sat-Wed 9:50-11-1:20-2:30-4:15 Thu 9:50-11-1:20-2:30-4:15-5:25-7:10 Fri 10:25-1:55-4:50 Sat-Wed 10:25-1:55 Thu 10:25-1:55-4:50
The Whale (STC) Fri 6:05

Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

The African Queen (PG) Sun 1
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:25-7:35-10:45 Sun 4:25-7:35-10:45 Mon 1:15-4:25-10:45 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:35-10:45
André Rieu's 25th Anniversary Hometown Concert (STC) Sat 12:45
Brave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:15
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri 2:10-2:40-3:10-5:50-6:20-6:50-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Sat 2:40-3:10-5:50-6:20-6:50-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Sun 2:10-2:40-3:10-5:50-6:20-6:50-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Mon 1:55-2:25-2:55-5:35-6:05-6:35-9:15-9:45-10:15 No Passes Tue 2:10-2:40-3:10-5:50-6:20-6:50-9:30-10-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:55-2:25-2:55-5:35-6:05-6:35-9:15-9:45-10:15 No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:40-7:20-11 No Passes Mon 11:45-3:25-7:05-10:45 No Passes Tue 12-3:40-7:20-11 No Passes Wed 11:45-3:25-7:05-10:45 No Passes Thu 12-3:40-7:20-11
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10
Magic Mike (14A) Fri-Thu 8-10:40
Savages (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (STC) Mon 7:30
Step Up Revolution 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-5:40-8:20-10:55
The Watch (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50 No Passes Thu 3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

Empire 7 Cinemas
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:25-9:40
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:15
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Dolby Stereo, No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6-9:30
Magic Mike (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:15-9
Safety Not Guaranteed (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1-3:15-7:10-10
To Rome With Love (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25-7-9:50
The Watch (14A) Dolby Stereo, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:10

Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

The Birds (PG) Sun 1 Tue 7
Family Plot (PG) Sun 3:15 Tue 9:15
The Fly (STC) Fri 11:15 Sun 8:15
The Godfather (STC) Sat 7:45
Hysteria (PG) Fri 7 Sat 5:30 Sun 6 Mon 7 Wed-Thu 7
The Redemption of General Butt Naked (STC) Fri 9:15 Mon 9:15 Wed-Thu 9:15
Steele Justice (STC) Sat 11:55
Mayfair Theatre Orleans
250 Centrum Blvd., 613 837-3456, orleans.mayfairtheatre.ca
Bernie (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-8:30
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-6
The Intouchables (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-8:45
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 1-3
Take This Waltz (14A) Fri-Thu 6:15
That's My Boy (18A) Fri-Thu 9
We Have a Pope (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-6:30

Rainbow Cinemas St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (14A) Fri-Thu 10:40-6:50-9
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri-Thu 10:10-3:10-5:10
The Hunger Games (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-7:30
Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:55-9:20
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:30-2:40-7:10
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:10-2:25-4:45-7-9:15
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:45-4:35
Rock of Ages (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05
Snow White and the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1-3:50-6:30
Rideau Centre Cinemas
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Digital Fri-Thu 12-4-8
Step Up Revolution (PG) Digital Fri-Thu 3:30
Step Up Revolution 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-6:30-9:30
Ted (14A) Digital Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-6:45-9:15

South Keys
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-7:15-10:20
Brave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:35-10:05
Curious George (G) Sat 11
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12-1:25-2:05-2:55-3:25-5:15-5:55-6:35-7:05-8:55-9:35-10:15-10:45 No Passes Sun-Mon 11:30-12-1:25-2:05-2:55-3:25-5:15-5:55-6:35-7:05-8:55-9:35-10:15 No Passes Tue 11:30-12-1:25-2:05-2:55-3:25-5:15-5:55-6:35-7:05-8:55-9:35-10:15-10:45 No Passes Wed 11:30-2:55-6:35-10:10 No Passes Thu 11:30-2:55-6:35-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 12-1:25-2:05-3:25-5:15-5:55-7:05-8:55-9:35
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Fri 11:50-2:20 Sat 11:35-1:45 Sun-Thu 11:50-2:20
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Savages (18A) Fri-Thu 6:50-10
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Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:35-5:25-8-10:30
The Watch (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20

Gatineau

Canadian Museum of civilization
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Arctique 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 9:45-12:55 Sun 10:45-4 Mon 9:45-4 Tue 12:55-4 Wed 9:45-12:55-6 Thu 9:45-12:55-4
The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (G) Fri-Sat 5-11 Sun 7 Mon 7-10 Tue 10 Wed 7 Thu 7-10
L'Ascension du chevalier noir: L'Experience IMAX (G) Fri 8 Sat 5 Sun-Mon 10 Tue 7 Wed 10
Moi, Van Gogh (STC) Fri-Sat 4 Sun-Mon 12:55 Tue 10:45-6 Thu 4
To the Arctic 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 10:45-2-3 Sun 9:45-2-3-6 Mon 10:45-2-3-6 Tue 9:45-2-3 Wed-Thu 11:50-2-3-5
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Sat 11:50 Sun-Tue 11:50-5 Wed 10:45 Thu 10:45-6

Cinéma des Galeries d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

The Amazing Spider-Man (G) Fri-Thu 3:20-9:20
The Dark Knight Rises (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-7:10-9:10
L'ère de glace: La dérive des continents (G) Fri-Thu 3:10
Omertà (13+) Fri-Thu 1-7
The Watch (13+) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30

Ciné-starz
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Abraham Lincoln: chasseur de vampires (13+) Fri-Thu 9:40
Blanche-Neige et le chasseur (G) Fri-Thu 5:05-9
Dr. Seuss Le Lorax (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:35-3:10
Les Hommes en noir 3 (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:55-3:50-7:45
Intouchables (G) Fri-Thu 5:45
Marvel Les Avengers: Le film (STC) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:35-9:05
Mirror Mirror (G) Fri-Thu 12
Les Pirates Bande de Nuls (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:55-3:30-7:20
Prometheus (13+) Fri-Thu 4:45-7-9:10

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120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Dansez dans les rues 4 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-7-9:20
L'Ascension du chevalier noir (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-1-3:45-4:30-7:30-8:30
L'extraordinaire Spider-Man 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:20-9:10
L'ère de glace: La dérive des continents 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-7:05-9:05
Omertà (13+) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30
Rome mon amour (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-6:30
Surveillance (13+) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:40

StarCité Hull
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

The Amazing Spider-Man (G) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:45-7:50-10:45 Thu 4:45-7:50-10:45
Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1:30
Curious George (G) Sat 11
Dansez dans les rues 4 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30
The Dark Knight Rises (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-12-3:25-3:40-7:05-7:20-10:45-11 No Passes Mon 12-1-3:35-4:30-7-8-10:30 No Passes Tue 11:45-12-3:25-3:40-7:05-7:20-10:45-11 No Passes Wed-Thu 12-1-3:35-4:30-7-8-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:55-7:35-11:15 No Passes Mon 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45 No Passes Tue 12:15-3:55-7:35-11:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45
Georges le petit curieux (G) Sat 11
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:25-7:45-10:10
L'Ascension du chevalier noir (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:15-11:40-2:45-3:20-6:35-7-10:15-10:40 No Passes Mon 11:45-11:55-3:10-3:30-6:40-7-10:15-10:30 No Passes Tue 11:15-11:40-2:45-3:20-6:35-7-10:15-10:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:45-11:55-3:10-3:30-6:40-7-10:15-10:30
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Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25
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Step Up Revolution 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:45
The Watch (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20

Gloucester

SilverCity
2385 City Park Dr.,
613-688-8800

The African Queen (PG) Sun 1
The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4-7:30-10:40 Thu 12:30-3:30-10:40
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:50-8-11:10
André Rieu's 25th Anniversary Hometown Concert (STC) Sat 12:45
Brave (PG) Fri 12:10 Sat 11:40-12:10-3:20 Sun 12:10-3:20 Mon-Thu 12:10
Brave 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:35-10:15
Curious George (G) Sat 11
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The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:40-7:20-11
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Ted (14A) Fri-Sat 12:35-3:15-5:50-8:15-10:55 Sun 12:35 Mon-Tue 12:35-3:15-5:50-8:15-10:55 Wed 3:25-5:50-8:15-10:55 Thu 12:35-3:15-5:50-8:15-10:55 Sun 3:15-5:50-8:15-10:55
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
To Rome With Love (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:55-5:30-8:25-11:15
The Watch (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-5:35-8:10-11:05
The Who - Quadrophenia: The Complete Story (STC) Wed 7:30

The Dark Knight Rises PROVIDED

Orleans

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The Amazing Spider-Man (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:10
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:50
Brave (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 2-7-10:30 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 12:15-1:30-4-6:30-8-10 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-1:30-4-6:30-8-10 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 2-7-10:30
Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:30
Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 3-6:15-9
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Magic Mike (14A) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:40
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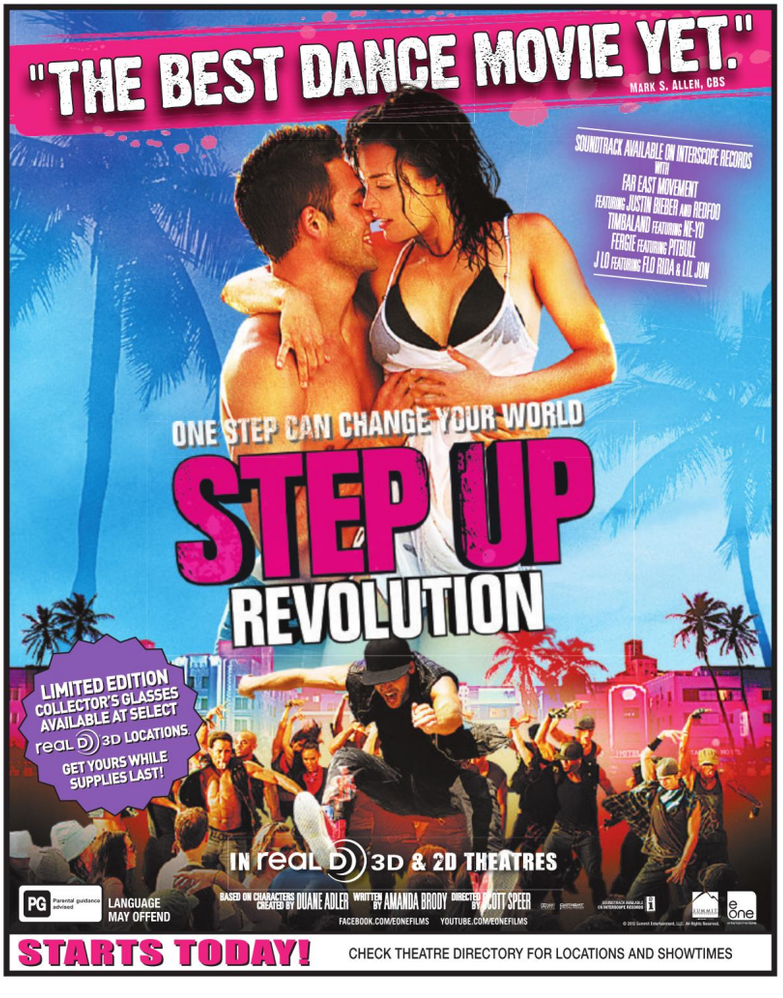
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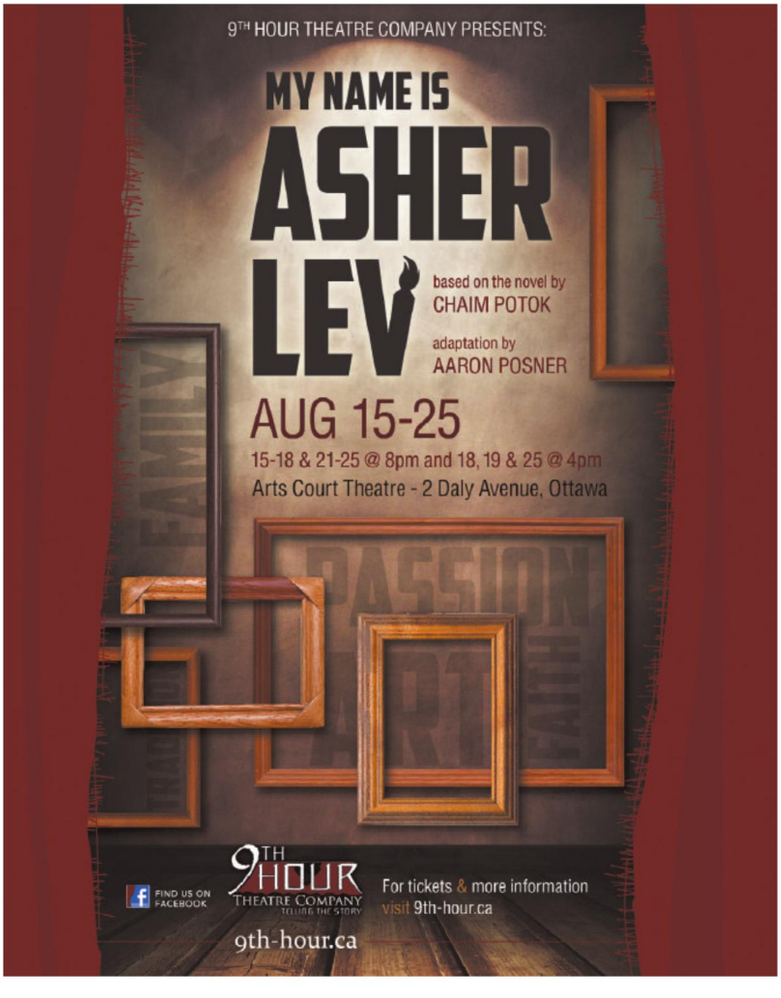
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Dierks Bentley is releasing a new four-song EP called Country & Cold Cans even while his last album continues to chart hit singles. EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dierks Bentley drops surprise four-song ode to summer fun

Going on tour. Country music singer releases new album even while his last disc continues to power up the charts

A few years ago Dierks Bentley went hard against country music convention by releasing a rockin' bluegrass-roots album. He's decided to break the rules again.

This time around, Bentley is releasing a new four-song EP called Country & Cold Cans even while his last album continues to chart hit singles. Turns out Bentley just wanted to have a little fun with his friends.

"Sometimes that should be the driving force in your decisions, you know?" Bentley said.

"It doesn't always have to be a business decision or well-thought-out plan. Just go out there, have fun, do it with some friends and put out some new tunes."

Country & Cold Cans is out Aug. 21. The EP will be a digital-only release available on iTunes initially. Bentley will support the EP with a quick three-date tour Aug. 20-22 at the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia and the University of Mississippi.

The music is meant to be loose and off the cuff. With songs like the title track, Grab a Beer and Back Porch, the aim is clear.

Bentley said he's targeting the same kind of kids curious about country music like he was as a teenager growing up in Arizona.

"It's called Country & Cold Cans," Bentley said with a laugh. "It's not called Beethoven."

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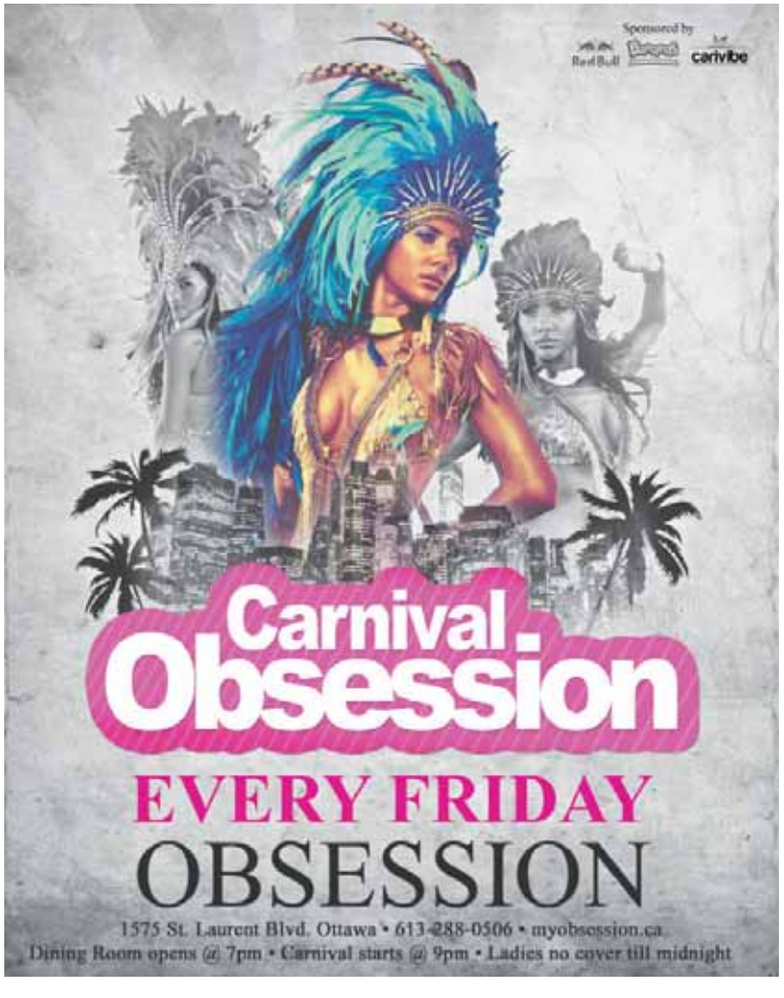
Other album

Bentley released his last album Home earlier this year and 5-1-5-0, his 10th No. 1 country single as both artist and songwriter, reached the top of the charts this week. It's the third No. 1 from Home.

- **Business as usual.** Normally, competing music would be considered a hindrance to the success of that album. But in this case, Bentley welcomes the interruption in business as usual. The music was written on the road, then recorded over a two-day period with his touring band and produced with Jaren Johnston, a member of The Cadillac Black — Bentley's opening band on tour this year.



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Katherine Jackson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Katherine's lawyer vows to get her reinstated as guardian

The Jackson family's recent dispute seems to be at least partially resolved, as Katherine Jackson has been reunited with her grandchildren.

"Grandma's here!" Paris Jackson, her 14-year-old granddaughter, posted to Twitter.

Katherine, who is legal guardian for Paris and her two brothers — children of the late Michael Jackson — was reported missing after she was spirited away to Arizona to rest without her grandchildren being notified. The kids' cousin, TJ Jackson, was granted temporary custody this week, but now that Katherine is back she intends to regain custody, according to Hollyscoop.

"This is creating some havoc that we need to nip in the bud," her lawyer, Perry Sanders, says.

"I intend to get her immediately reinstated as the guardian."

The Word

Pattinson relationship heading to its Twilight

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Not surprisingly, Robert Pattinson has packed up and left the Los Angeles home he shared with Kristen Stewart. This comes after Us Weekly published photos of his girlfriend and Twilight co-star in the midst of a not-so-discreet fling with director Rupert Sanders.

Although Stewart issued a weepy public appeal for forgiveness, it appears Pattinson isn't having any of it — maybe because, like Us Weekly, he noticed that the L.A. Dodgers hat she was wearing in the photos looks suspiciously similar to one he's frequently spotted in.

"I'm not sure they'll be able to recover from this," a source associated with Twilight tells People magazine, adding that Pattinson isn't in contact with Stewart and "is heartbroken and angry."

Tell us, source, how does Kristen feel?

"Kristen really loves Rob more than anything," they continue.

"He's all that matters to her right now."

There's plenty more to come from this: Stewart is reportedly preparing to personally apologize to Sanders' wife, and the final Twilight circus doesn't hit theatres until November.

In other words: If we have to feel like a sleazy Cheaters B-team crew, so do you, so try to sit back and enjoy the ride.

Jeremy Renner

Renner not prepared for what popped up

Jeremy Renner doesn't have the best luck with flights, he tells Jimmy Kimmel during an interview.

"A lot of times when I'm on the plane, I have to sleep. And I'm not a good sleeper on the plane," the Bourne Legacy star explains. "I had to fly from London to Los Angeles for dinner, and then get right back on a plane to London. ... Somebody gave me some pills, like Ambien. So I took a little sleeping pill, popped it and realized nothing's happening — but something else was happening!"

Renner soon realized he had accidentally taken a Viagra pill instead.

"Not only did I not sleep the entire flight, but there was ... 'camping' ... happening," he says. "The flight attendants were sort of in on the joke. They were like, 'Can we get you anything, Mr. Renner?'"

Twitter

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Good Morning!!!! Kayaking today???! This should be good..Oh Lawd

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Keeping things cool on hot summer nights

Machines for making shaved ice at home have become common. Hand-cranked models can sell for less than $10, with more powerful electric versions averaging $20 and up. But if you don't have or want a machine, it's also easy to make granita-style shaved ice.

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Cherry Cola Shaved Ice

- Four 12-oz cans cola soda (6 cans are needed if making granita)
- 12-oz bag frozen cherries, thawed
- Chopped maraschino cherries, to garnish

1. In saucepan over high heat, bring cola to a boil. Use caution and stir regularly until the foam subsides. Boil until mix reduced to 1 cup, about 20 minutes.

2. In blender, purée cherries until smooth. Stir the cherries into the reduced cola and cook for another 2 minutes. Strain mix through fine mesh strainer, discarding any solids. Allow mix to cool. Refrigerate until using.

3. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with chopped maraschino cherries.

4. Granita: Stir 2 more 12-oz cans of cola into the entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with chopped maraschino cherries.

Coconut Lime Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Zest of 2 limes
- Cream of coconut, to drizzle

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, water, lime juice and lime zest. Heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow the mixture to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then drizzle cream of coconut over the top.

3. Granita: Stir another 1 1/2 cups of water and 1/2 cup lime juice into the entire batch of chilled syrup. Pour the mixture into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Gently fold and swirl 1/2 cup cream of coconut into the mixture, then scoop into bowls or glasses to serve.

Mocha Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
- 1 cup water
- Shaved chocolate, to garnish

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, cocoa powder, instant coffee and water. Whisk until the sugar and instant coffee dissolve. Remove from the heat and strain the mixture through a fine mesh strainer. Allow to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, stir the syrup then drizzle a bit over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with shaved chocolate.

3. Granita: Stir another 2 1/2 cups of water into the entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with shaved chocolate.

Liquid Assets

London beer and Olympic watching

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Unless they make chug-a-lugging an Olympic sport, the only torch I'll ever carry is for that brunette I had the hots for in university.

I do love London and can't think of a better place to watch our athletes compete — on TV from the comfort of one of the city's multitude of old school pubs.

They take drinking beer very seriously in England, with a pint of almost every variety of ale tracing its roots back to somewhere in the United Kingdom.

While the taps advertising huge multinational producers dominate modern London's liquor landscape, you can still get a glass of local brew at the public houses owned by individual breweries.

Fuller's is the city's oldest, having pumped out suds in its Chiswick brewery since 1845. Its soft, smooth and creamy London Pride Ale (500 ml, $2.80 - $3.44) is, well, the pride of London.

I'm partial to its Organic Honey Dew Ale (500 ml, $3.35 - $3.95), an all-natural, lightly malty creation with a subtle bitterness and just a touch of bee juice.

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Canadian scientists developing colourful purple wheat to boost health, economy

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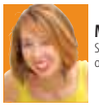
Whether you're looking to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events



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Teen dream

Independent teen songwriting heartthrob Teddy Geiger plays Saturday at Mavericks. The New York-based artist is best known for his role in the film The Rocker and his American Billboard-charting platinum single For You I Will (Confidence). For more, visit teddygeiger.com.

High fashion for the boys and girls

Fashion 613 presents emerging area fashion designers and recent graduates of the Richard Robinson School to raise money for youth suicide prevention programs and the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa. This ultra-chic charity gala event will use local models, makeup artists and stylists; it runs on Friday. For more info, visit fashion613.com/runway-for-hope.

Modern Mozarts and Salieris

About 450 musicians will be present at the 19th edition of the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival. Classic music mixes with art on Friday when award-winning German pianist Hinrich Alpers presents 20 pieces by American avant-garde composer John Cage. The event runs until Aug. 9. For more, visit ottawachamberfest.com.

Family flicks under the stars

Under the oak trees in Dundonald Park, neighbours flock to this free summer tradition to watch movies each Friday and Saturday until Aug. 18. Showing a mix of cult classics like The Muppet Movie (1979) to Hollywood blockbusters like Ironman, it's fun for the whole family. For more, visit csit.carleton.ca.

Ghostly dancing

Playing house, funk, disco, tech and bass music, Ceremony is held in the reconstructed jail bar on Saturday. The ambience can't be beat in one of Canada's most haunted spaces. Advertising ghosts and fog and "dancing apparitions" this is the newest and possibly eeriest dance night out. Live music and DJs play. For more, visit prisonceremony.tumblr.com

Street party in Chinatown

FestivAsia is not your typical neighbourhood festival. Every Saturday until September, Chinatown streets will be transformed into a party with free sidewalk performances and kid-friendly workshops. Mahjong sharks meet jazz musicians, puppeteers and roller derby, and resident drag queen China Doll will teach you how to make kooky fortune cookie sayings. For more, ottawachinatown.ca.

NHL

Owners' turn to listen at talks

A day after tabling the remaining elements of its opening contract offer, it was the NHL's turn to listen.

The NHL Players' Association made a number of presentations to owners Thursday, including ones addressing pensions, training camp and ice conditions.

Mathieu Schneider, special assistant to NHLPA executive director Don Fehr, says the two sides were involved in collective discussion and also broke into smaller groups.

It was certainly one of the days where we had a lot of player involvement,"said Schneider.

He adds that benefits have not been updated since the 1990s, while training camp issues include the schedule, player testing and the amount of pre-season games in which veterans would be expected to participate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer

Ottawa Fury host Women's League Championship

The Ottawa Fury are set to host the 2012 Women's League Championship this weekend at the Algonquin College Soccer Complex.

Coming in as the No. 3 seed, the Fury (10-2-0) will face the No. 2 seed D.C. United (11-0-1) on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The No. 1 seed and Western Conference champions Pali Blues (13-0-1) will face off against No. 4 seed Quebec City Amiral (8-2-2-) on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The league championship game is on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Edwin Encarnacion hits a three-run home run against the Oakland Athletics Thursday at Rogers Centre in Toronto. BRAD WHITE/GETTY IMAGES

Jays dodge sweep with two blasts and a bunt

MLB. Toronto bounces back from Wednesday's 16-0 drubbing by Athletics

Thursday's game

Blue Jays	Athletics
10	4

A pair of big blasts and a bunt helped the Toronto Blue Jays avoid a sweep at the hands of the surging Oakland Athletics.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer in the fourth and Kelly Johnson hit a solo shot in the seventh as the Blue Jays beat Oakland 10-4 Thursday, stopping the Athletics' winning streak at seven games.

But in between the homers there was a bunt in the sixth by Travis Snider on a safety squeeze with runners at second and third that scored two runs when Oakland left-hander Tommy Milone lost control on his throw to first.

The throw hit Snider and allowed a second run to score on the play to give the Blue Jays a 5-4 lead, and they never looked back.

"In that spot we're playing for a run just to tie things up," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. "Fortunately they mishandled the ball and we end up scoring two runs."

Milone said he rushed the throw.

"When he first squared I thought maybe I would have a play at home but then I kind of saw the runner out of the corner of my eye and he looked like he was going to be safe anyway," Milone said.

The Blue Jays bounced back from a 16-0 drubbing by the A's on Wednesday.

"You can quickly turn the page on a tough day, that's the beauty of this game," Farrell said.

The Blue Jays scored four runs in the eighth on a double by Snider, a sacrifice fly by Yan Gomes, and a double by Johnson against Sean Doolittle and a double by Jeff Mathis against Evan Scribner.

"(Toronto) executed well and got some big hits down the stretch," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "Any time you take two out of three on the road you have to consider it somewhat of a success."

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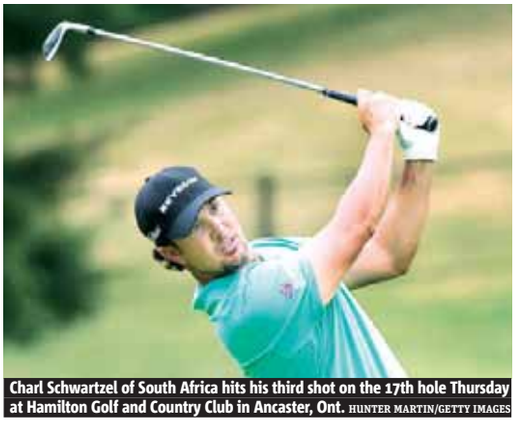
"Just a good come-from-behind win today, particularly with the way things finished up last night."

Blue Jays manager John Farrell

Piercy fires course record at Canadian Open



Charl Schwartzel of South Africa hits his third shot on the 17th hole Thursday at Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ancaster, Ont. HUNTER MARTIN/GETTY IMAGES

Scott Piercy sits atop the leaderboard after a soggy opening round at the RBC Canadian Open.

The American fired an 8-under 62 at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, which was left almost defenceless by rain that fell overnight and throughout the round. Piercy's 62 matched the competitive course record at Hamilton — Warren Sye shot that number in the third round of the 1991 Ontario Amateur — and included eagles on both of the par-5s.

Piercy, 33, finished third in his last start at the John Deere Classic and gave himself plenty of looks at birdie on Thursday.

"I hit it solid out there," he said. "I think I only missed a couple greens, and ball-striking around here with the rough being so penal is a must to shoot well."

Piercy held a one-shot lead over Greg Owen and William McGirt (63) and was two shots clear of Robert Garrigus (64). A group of seven players opened with 65, including 2011 Masters champion Charl Schwartzel and 2004 Canadian Open winner Vijay Singh.

"I woke up this morning and thought the British Open was a week too early looking out the window," said Schwartzel. "It wasn't very pleasant weather."

Adam Hadwin of Abbotsford, B.C., the low Canadian at this event the last two years, opened with a 66.

It was a tough day for Ernie Els after winning the British Open last weekend. The South African shot a 72.

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Messy conditions

The course was a soggy mess by the end of the first round.

- Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls on the fairway and 94 men were at par or better when the day ended.

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

In an off-season marked by Junior Seau's suicide and scores of lawsuits over brain injuries, the NFL on Thursday launched a comprehensive wellness program for current and retired players. Some welcomed the program as long overdue while those leading the NFL concussion litigation said the latest program lends credence to lawsuits against the league. Scan the code for the story.

London calling: Let the Games begin

Canadian diver Jennifer Abel practises in London on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

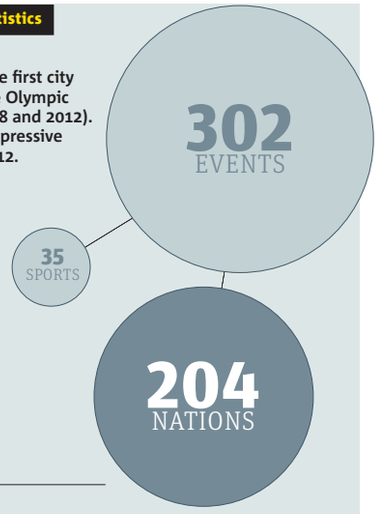
Canadian diver Meaghan Benfeito waves during a training session on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Milos Raonic practises at Wimbledon on Thursday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swimmers practise at the Aquatics Center at Olympic Park in London on Thursday. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympics by statistics

London will be the first city ever to host three Olympic Games (1908, 1948 and 2012). Here are a few impressive numbers from 2012.



Athletes
10,490

Foreign visitors
5 million

Projected ticket sales
9 million

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4 billion

Ticket prices

Athletics	$31-$1,150
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BMX cycling	$31-$198
Gymnastics (artistic)	$31-$715
Soccer	$31-$293
Judo	$31-$198
Table tennis	$31-$198
Weightlifting	$31-$277

Opening ceremony. Performance comes before partying for many Canadian athletes

Canadian swimming star Mark Tewksbury watched the opening ceremony of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics from the cafeteria of the athletes' village.

Tewksbury, who won gold at those Games in the 100-metre backstroke, was hoping to get a leg-up on the competition by saving his legs from what he knew would be a long and physically taxing night.

"I got to the cafeteria and my main competitors were all there watching on TV too," said Tewksbury, Canada's chef de mission at the London Games. "But it was OK. I won it by six one hundredths so who knows? That might have been the six hundredths I would have lost."

Many of Canada's athletes are skipping Friday's opening ceremony, some because they're competing the next day, others because they're housed in locations that are too far a trek from the stadium.

"Some people really get lifted by it and some people think the physical drain is too much," Tewksbury said. "It's a personal choice."

"The whole point of the Olympics is performance. That's the memory you want to take for the rest of your life and you've still got the closing (ceremony). The closing is there and it's really the athletes' ceremony. It's awful to walk in an opening and regret it because it impacted your performance."

The ceremony at Olympic Stadium, directed by Danny Boyle — the Oscar-winning director of Slumdog Millionaire — are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. local time (2 p.m. ET, CTV) and end at midnight. Most of the athletes will be able to walk back to their housing, which is adjacent to Olympic Park, but it still puts them back at the village as late as 12:30 a.m.

Triathlon athlete Simon Whitfield of Victoria will lead Canada into the ceremony as the team's flag-bearer. They are expected to leave the village at 9 p.m. and enter Olympic Stadium at 10:15.

Canada's swim team won't march in the ceremony, meaning freestyler Brent Hayden will be three-for-three in giving the Olympic opening ceremony a pass.

"It's always kind of team policy that if you're competing within the first few days you tend to skip just because you're not going to get to bed at a reasonable hour," Hayden said. "Standing up for hours on end, tiring your legs out is not necessarily the best thing to do before a competition. We all wish we could be there. We are all very patriotic and we would just love to be able to walk into the stadium with our country, waving our flags, but we're here to compete."

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"It's one of those things. All my friends (ask) 'What is it like to walk in the opening ceremonies?' I don't know."

Freestyle swimmer Brent Hayden

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Quick turnaround

Several thousand athletes from 204 countries will take part in the ceremony.

- The International Olympic Committee has pressed London organizers to make sure the show doesn't run late so that athletes can get to bed at a reasonable hour.
- There are medal events Saturday in archery, fencing, cycling, judo, shooting, swimming and weightlifting.
- Canada's rowing team will hold its own opening celebration — with the athletes all dressed in their ceremony outfits — at its hotel near the rowing venue. Rowing begins Saturday, with the first boats scheduled to push off the start line at 9:30 a.m.

Canadian flag-bearer Simon Whitfield THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis. Raonic looks to Great One for Olympic advice

Canada's Milos Raonic knew exactly who to talk to for a little guidance ahead of his first Olympic experience.

The rising tennis star said he met up with Wayne Gretzky last winter in Los Angeles and chatted about the London Games while out for dinner.

"He told me that the competition is a big thing for sure, but he said the most special thing was meeting other athletes and just learning from them and hearing different stories," Raonic said Thursday.

Gretzky played for Canada at the 1998 Games in Nagano and served as the executive director of the men's hockey team at the next two Winter Olympics.

Raonic said he was in L.A. for training when he got connected with Gretzky through a friend of a friend. He said The Great One told him to make sure he savours the Olympic experience.

"I think he's won pretty much every single thing," Raonic said. "And the fact that the Olympics means that much I think shows how grand the event is."

Considering the strong singles field in London, it would be a big surprise if Raonic reached the podium. However, he has recorded some impressive wins this year and shown that he belongs on court with the game's top players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Round 1

Raonic had a breakthrough season on the ATP Tour in 2011.

- The hard-serving 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., has won two tournaments this season and is ranked No. 25 in the world.
- Raonic will meet world No. 69 Tatsuma Ito of Japan in the first round. The complete schedule has not been finalized but play is slated to begin Saturday.

Boyle-ing over with anticipation

Officials want details of the $42.7-million London Olympics opening ceremony to be a secret, but director Danny Boyle has already disclosed select details. Here are four to watch out for on Friday:

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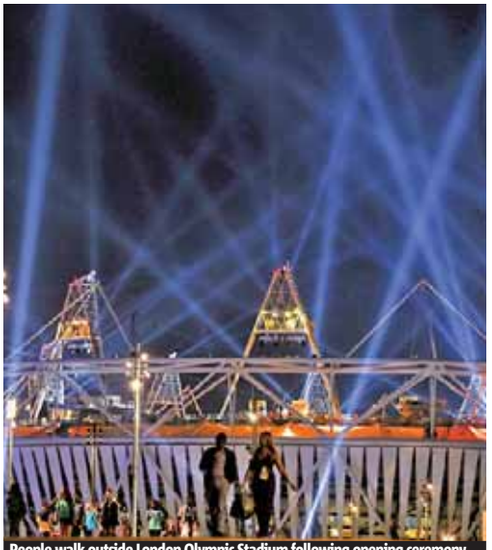

People walk outside London Olympic Stadium following opening ceremony rehearsal on Thursday. JEFF J MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

Boyle's sweeping vision

The ceremony's mastermind, filmmaker Danny Boyle, has stressed that the three-hour show will take viewers on a sweeping journey through Britain's history, one that captures the nation's identity, values and heritage, as well as its present and future. In their own ways, each of the elements represents some aspect of Englishness — though some in quirkier ways than others.

2 Un-baah-lievable opening co-stars

Seventy sheep are set to star in the ceremony, alongside 12 horses, 10 chickens and three sheep dogs. Pastoral life has long been romanticized by British writers and at every patriotic event, Britons belt out the glories of "England's pleasant pastures" to William Blake's anthem Jerusalem.

Maypoles

Each of Great Britain's four nations — England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland — will be represented by a maypole topped with their national flowers. A pagan folk symbol, the maypole is still commonly erected in British villages during May Day celebrations (as well as elsewhere in Europe) to celebrate the return of warmer weather.

1 Bond-ing Britain with the world

Fast cars, many women, martinis shaken not stirred: The super spy 007 needs little introduction. First introduced by writer Ian Fleming in 1953, the fictional British secret agent is the protagonist in the longest-running film franchise in history. Bond's dress, cars and expensive tastes ooze British sophistication.

Relaxed Phelps enjoying his farewell tour

Swimming. American sees London Games as icing on the cake in a wildly successful career

Michael Phelps was strolling through the Olympic Village when he spotted three Russian female athletes — all of them taller than the six-foot-four-inch swimmer.

"Geez, I thought I was tall," he said with a chuckle.

Preparing for what he insists will be his final Olympics, Phelps appears to be having a lot more fun heading into the London Games than he did at either Athens or Beijing, where he was under intense pressure to turn in the greatest performances in Olympic history.

"This is closure," Phelps said Thursday, sitting beside coach Bob Bowman in the largest conference room at the Main Press Centre. "Now it's just a matter of how many toppings I want on my sundae."

Several hundred media packed the room, including Olympic speedskating star Apolo Anton Ohno, who's now working for NBC and got in a question about how Phelps keeps things simple with all the distractions.

Medal haul

- In 2008, Phelps became the first athlete to win eight golds at a single games.
- His 16 medals — 14 of which are golds — are two shy of record holder Larisa Latynina, a former Soviet gymnast.

Actually, he seems to be having a blast. After Phelps walked in the room, he pulled out his phone and snapped a picture of all the reporters and cameras staring back at him, capturing another moment on his farewell tour.

"In Beijing, we were trying to conquer everything," Phelps remembered. "We're a lot more relaxed. We're having fun."

Not that he's got a lot of time to chill in London. He's still swimming more events than anyone except teammate Missy Franklin: four individual races, and all three relays. The only change from China is Phelps' giving up a chance to swim the 200-metre freestyle, feeling he would have a better chance at success with a slightly less strenuous program.

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American swimmer Michael Phelps takes a photo during a press conference on Thursday in London. RYAN PIERSE/GETTY IMAGES

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Canadians bringing swagger to the pool

Swimming.
Expectations running high for team after struggles in past Games

Canada's Julia Wilkinson practises in London on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's swimmers are demanding more of themselves at the Summer Olympics.

After no medals in 2004 and one bronze in 2008, Canada's team of 33 athletes is targeting three medals and swimmers in 13 to 15 finals in London.

"It's completely different," backstroker Julia Wilkinson said Thursday. "Four years ago, it was 'We hope we can make some finals.'

"Now it's 'Who is going to be the first one to win a medal?' We've kind of come in with this swagger and we believe we can do it."

As though to punctuate her point, the Stratford, Ont., swimmer had her nails painted red, white and gold this week.

Swimming starts Saturday and runs for eight days. The open-water races, which are 10-kilometre swims, will be contested in the second week.

Victoria's Ryan Cochrane prevented a second straight shutout in the pool in Beijing when he won bronze on the last day of competition. Wilkinson was about to race a relay and recalls she and her teammates were stunned to tears by Cochrane's medal.

There will be no shock and awe this time, according to the head of Swimming Canada.

"I don't have a crystal ball," said chief executive officer Pierre Lafontaine. "I can tell you the Canadian kids in our lanes are going to walk pretty tall and they're going to feel they belong in that pool. They're not going to get intimidated by much." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heat wave

Organizers are attempting to address complaints over excessive heat inside the Olympic Aquatics Centre.

- Temperatures around the pool have soared over 30 C during a heat wave.

Track-and-field

Bolt says he's been slowed by bad back

Usain Bolt finally confessed there has been something wrong. It was his back.

The Olympic champion said Thursday a bad back has been causing him hamstring problems, leading to a pair of losses to training partner Yohan Blake at the Jamaican trials.

"It was a slight problem. I got that fixed and I'm ready to go," Bolt said in his first formal media appearance of the London Games, where he was given the honour of carrying his country's flag at Friday's opening ceremony.

Bolt lost to Blake twice at the recent Jamaican trials in both the 100 and his favoured 200 metres. The setbacks fuelled speculation that he was injured but haven't dampened expectation that he will retain his 100 and 200 gold medals.

Bolt also dismissed talk that he had been training away from TV cameras and reporters at the Jamaican team camp in central England because he is injured.

"I'm always ready," he said. "It's all about the championship. It's never about the trials, everyone knows that. My coach doesn't like the cameras. He likes to keep me away from the cameras."

Bolt was scheduled to appear alongside Blake and other athletes at the event in the heart of east London, but travel problems held some of them up, the Jamaican Olympic Association said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usain Bolt in London on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	39	.602	—
Baltimore	52	47	.525	7½
Tampa Bay	51	48	.515	8½
Toronto	49	49	.500	10
Boston	49	50	.495	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	53	45	.541	—
Detroit	53	45	.541	—
Cleveland	49	49	.500	4
Kansas City	41	56	.423	11½
Minnesota	40	58	.408	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	58	39	.598	—
Los Angeles	54	45	.545	5
Oakland	53	45	.541	5½
Seattle	43	57	.430	16½

Thursday's results
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 10, Oakland 4
Detroit at Cleveland
Kansas City at Seattle
Wednesday's results
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels 11, Kansas City 6
N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 2
Detroit 5, Cleveland 3
Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 1
Oakland 16, Toronto 0
Texas 5, Boston 3
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Boston (A.Cook 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 7-4) at Baltimore (Britton 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 7-5) at Toronto (Villanueva 5-0), 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 11-3) at Texas (Darvish 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-7) at Minnesota (Diamond 8-4), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 0-1) at Seattle (Beavan 5-6), 10:10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	58	39	.598	—
Atlanta	54	44	.551	4½
New York	47	51	.480	11½
Miami	45	53	.459	13½
Philadelphia	45	54	.455	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	58	40	.592	—
Pittsburgh	55	42	.567	2½
St. Louis	53	46	.535	5½
Milwaukee	44	53	.454	13½
Chicago	40	57	.412	17½
Houston	34	65	.343	24½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	55	43	.561	—
Los Angeles	53	47	.530	3
Arizona	49	49	.500	6
San Diego	42	58	.420	14
Colorado	37	60	.381	17½

Thursday's results
St. Louis 7, L.A. Dodgers 4
Pittsburgh at Houston
Washington at Milwaukee
N.Y. Mets at Arizona
Wednesday's results
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 7, Miami 1
Philadelphia 7, Milwaukee 6, 10 innings
San Diego 6, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 5, Houston 3
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 12 innings
Colorado 4, Arizona 2
Friday's games
All times Eastern
St. Louis (Lynn 12-4) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 4-5), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (K.Wells 1-3) at Miami (Zambrano 5-8), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 11-4) at Atlanta (Sheets 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 3-2) at Houston (Lyles 2-7), 8:05 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 5-3) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 5-6) at Colorado (D.Pomeranz 1-5), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 2-2), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Fife 0-0) at San Francisco (M.Cain 10-3), 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 10, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	3	0	1	0	RDavis rf	4	1	1	0
JGoms rf	3	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	1	1	0
Reddck dh	4	1	1	2	Lawrie 3b	3	3	2	0
Cespds lf	4	1	1	0	Encrnc dh	4	2	2	3
Carter 1b	4	0	0	0	Snider lf	4	1	2	2
Inge 3b	4	1	1	2	YGoms 1b	3	0	0	1
KSuzuk c	3	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	2	2	2
S.Smith ph	1	0	0	0	Mathis c	4	0	2	1
Hicks ss	3	0	0	0	Vizquel ss	4	0	0	0
Moss ph	1	0	0	0					
JWeeks 2b	2	1	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**10**	**12**	**9**
Oakland					**100 210 000**			**4**	
Toronto					**000 302 14x**			**10**	

E—Milone (1). LOB—Oakland 4, Toronto 2. 2B—Crisp (7), Snider (2), K.Johnson (11), Mathis (7). HR—Reddick (22), Inge (11), Encarnacion (27), K.Johnson (11). SF—Y.Gomes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Milone L,9-7	7	8	6	5	0	7
Doolittle	2-3	3	4	4	1	0
Scribner	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Laffey	5 2-3	5	4	4	3	4
Lyon W,1-0	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	3
Oliver H,12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Milone.
Umpires—Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Larry Vanover; Second, Dan Bellino; Third, Jerry Layne.
T—2:38. A—39,003 (49,260).

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	21	11	5	5	37	29	38
Kansas City	21	11	6	4	26	19	37
Houston	21	9	5	7	31	25	34
D.C.	20	10	7	3	34	27	33
Chicago	20	9	7	4	22	22	31
Columbus	18	7	7	4	18	19	25
Montreal	23	7	13	3	30	42	24
New England	20	6	9	5	25	25	23
Philadelphia	18	6	10	2	20	21	20
Toronto	20	5	11	4	24	36	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	22	13	5	4	44	27	43
Real Salt Lake	22	12	7	3	33	26	39
Vancouver	22	9	6	7	25	26	34
Seattle	20	8	5	7	25	21	31
Los Angeles	22	9	10	3	38	35	30
Chivas USA	19	6	8	5	13	21	23
Colorado	21	7	13	1	27	30	22
Dallas	22	5	10	7	25	30	22
Portland	20	5	11	4	19	35	19

Wednesday's result
At Chester, Pa.
MLS All-Stars 3 Chelsea 2
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Houston at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Portland, 11 p.m.
Sunday's game
New England at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

OLYMPICS

WOMEN

Wednesday's results
At Cardiff, Wales
Britain 1 New Zealand 0
Brazil 5 Cameroon 0
At Coventry, England
Japan 2 **Canada 1**
Sweden 4 South Africa 1
At Glasgow
U.S. 4 France 2
North Korea 2 Colombia 0

MEN

Thursday's games
All times Eastern
At Glasgow
Honduras 2, Morocco 2
Japan 1, Spain 0
At Newcastle
Mexico 0, South Korea 0
Gabon 1, Switzerland 1
At Manchester
Uruguay 2, United Arab Emirates 1
Britain 1, Senegal 1
At Coventry
Belarus 1, New Zealand 0
At Cardiff
Brazil 3, Egypt 2

TENNIS

ATP

BET-AT-HOME CUP

At Kitzbuehel, Austria
Singles
Second Round
Philipp Kohlschreiber (1), Germany, def. Attila Balazs, Hungary, 6-4, 6-1.
Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, def. Ernests Gulbis (7), Latvia, 6-4, 6-4.
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Albert Ramos (4), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Robin Haase (3), Netherlands, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Wayne Odesnik, United States, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Quarter-finals
Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-4, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (1), Germany, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
Robin Haase (3), Netherlands, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Martin Klizan (5), Slovakia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

FARMERS CLASSIC

At Los Angeles
Thursday's results
Singles
Second Round
Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-4, 7-5.
Marinko Matosevic (6), Australia, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0.
Xavier Malisse (5), Belgium, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Doubles
Quarter-finals
Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and **Adil Shamasdin, Canada,** def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA

BAKU CUP

At Baku, Azerbaijan
Thursday's results
Singles
Quarter-finals
Julia Cohen, United States, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Bojana Jovanovski (5), Serbia, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Olga Puchkova, Russia, def. Mandy Minella (3), Luxembourg, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Alexandra Panova (2), Russia, def. Nina Bratchikova (6), Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Hamilton	4	2	2	0	127	133	4
Toronto	4	2	2	0	106	113	4
Montreal	4	2	2	0	108	139	4
Winnipeg	4	0	4	0	78	141	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	4	3	1	0	121	78	6
Edmonton	4	3	1	0	89	56	6
Calgary	4	2	2	0	147	120	4
B.C.	4	2	2	0	106	102	4

WEEK FIVE
Thursday's result
Edmonton at Winnipeg
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.

GOLF

CANADIAN OPEN

At Ancaster, Ontario
Par 70
First Round
a-denotes amateur

Scott Piercy	30-32—62
Greg Owen	29-34—63
William McGirt	32-31—63
Robert Garrigus	32-32—64
Troy Matteson	32-33—65
Bo Van Pelt	32-33—65
Jhonattan Vegas	32-33—65
Stuart Appleby	31-34—65
Charl Schwartzel	33-32—65
Gavin Coles	33-32—65
Vijay Singh	32-33—65
Bill Lunde	32-34—66
Roland Thatcher	32-34—66
Adam Hadwin	**32-34—66**
John Huh	34-33—67
J.J. Henry	32-35—67
Josh Teater	33-34—67
Cameron Tringale	34-33—67
Ryo Ishikawa	33-34—67
Daniel Summerhays	33-34—67
Heath Slocum	32-35—67
Matt Kuchar	31-36—67
Erik Compton	34-33—67
David Hearn	**34-34—68**
D.J. Trahan	34-34—68
Jason Bohn	31-37—68
J.B. Holmes	34-34—68
Tom Pernice Jr.	33-35—68
Kevin Streelman	34-34—68
Spencer Levin	33-35—68
Michael Thompson	32-36—68
Patrick Sheehan	34-34—68
Chez Reavie	32-36—68
Retief Goosen	32-36—68
Jimmy Walker	34-34—68
Brad Fritsch	**35-33—68**
Miguel Angel Carballo	33-35—68
Russell Knox	33-35—68
Tommy Gainey	33-36—69
Blake Adams	34-35—69
Kevin Chappell	31-38—69
John Daly	34-35—69
John Mallinger	33-36—69
Brian Davis	34-35—69
Harrison Frazar	34-35—69
Arjun Atwal	33-36—69
Michael Bradley	36-33—69
Camilo Villegas	33-36—69
Scott Stallings	36-33—69
Ted Potter, Jr.	35-34—69
Steven Bowditch	33-36—69
Patrick Cantlay	35-34—69
Mark Anderson	33-36—69
Jason Kokrak	**33-36—69**
David Markle	34-35—69
Thomas Aiken	35-34—69
Graham DeLaet	**31-38—69**
Nick O'Hern	33-36—69
Ryan Palmer	34-35—69
Chris Kirk	33-36—69
Scott Dunlap	35-34—69
Martin Flores	34-35—69
Kevin Kisner	33-36—69
Brendon Todd	35-34—69
a-Albin Choi	33-36—69
Zack Miller	36-34—70
Ryuji Imada	34-36—70
Harris English	34-36—70
Matt Every	35-35—70
Tim Clark	36-34—70
Stephen Ames	**34-36—70**
Jerry Kelly	34-36—70
Brandt Snedeker	34-36—70
Jim Furyk	34-36—70
Shane Bertsch	34-36—70
Billy Mayfair	33-37—70
Matt Hill	**35-35—70**
Danny Lee	36-34—70
Mathew Goggin	36-34—70
Tim Herron	34-36—70
Ken Duke	35-35—70
Tom Gillis	34-36—70
Bud Cauley	36-34—70
Nathan Green	38-32—70
Trevor Immelman	34-36—70
Brian Gay	34-36—70
Hunter Mahan	34-36—70
Bobby Gates	34-36—70
Cory Renfrew	34-36—70
Kyle Reifers	34-36—70
Matt McQuillan	**36-34—70**
Will Claxton	35-35—70
Richard H. Lee	**35-35—70**
Scott Brown	36-34—70
Garrett Willis	36-35—71
Chad Campbell	36-35—71
Ricky Barnes	35-36—71
Colt Knost	36-35—71
Charley Hoffman	35-36—71
Kyle Stanley	33-38—71
Steve Wheatcroft	32-39—71
Billy Hurley III	34-37—71
Gary Christian	35-36—71
Kyle Thompson	38-33—71
Charlie Wi	34-37—71
Jeff Overton	33-38—71
D.A. Points	36-35—71
Billy Horschel	37-34—71
Roberto Castro	38-33—71
a-Mackenzie Hughes	35-36—71
Hunter Hamrick	32-39—71
Daniel Chopra	34-38—72
David Mathis	35-37—72
Bob Estes	36-36—72
Kevin Stadler	36-36—72
Matt Bettencourt	36-36—72
Robert Allenby	36-36—72
Chris Stroud	35-37—72
Edward Loar	34-38—72
Jeff Maggert	38-34—72
Marco Dawson	37-35—72
Seung-Yul Noh	36-36—72
J.J. Killeen	35-37—72
Ernie Els	35-37—72
Mike Weir	**35-37—72**
Alexandre Rocha	36-36—72
Michael Gligic	**38-34—72**
ALSO	
Chris Ross	**37-37—74**
Victor Ciesielski	**38-36—74**
Andrew Parr	**36-39—75**
Nick Taylor	**39-36—75**
Eugene Wong	**38-38—76**
Jon Mills	**39-38—77**

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Par 71 (36-35)
Partial First Round
Note: Play was suspended and will resume Friday.

Trevor Murphy	32-31—63
James Sacheck	34-32—66
Michael Putnam	34-33—67
Steve Allan	36-31—67
Aron Price	34-33—67
Peter Lonard	34-34—68
Casey Wittenberg	37-31—68
Doug LaBelle II	35-33—68
Jerod Turner	35-33—68
Fernando Mechereffe	36-32—68

LPGA-EVIAN MASTERS

At Evian-les-Bains, France
Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Stacy Lewis	31-32—63
Hee Young Park	32-33—65
Ilhee Lee	32-34—66
Mika Miyazato	32-35—67
Mariajo Uribe	33-34—67
Paula Creamer	34-34—68
Shanshan Feng	32-36—68
Sandra Gal	34-35—69
Natalie Gulbis	36-33—69
Hyo Joo Kim	33-36—69

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Forget about your people skills today and do what feels right to you personally. The more you make an effort to be nice to certain individuals, the more likely it is they will take it as a sign of weakness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever has caused you to subdue your feelings and become a bit emotionally distant in recent days, you are advised not to take it too seriously. The Earth turns and everything will look different, and better, tomorrow.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Adopt a no-nonsense nature today, especially when dealing with people whose negative attitudes can drive you to despair. The more they try to convince you that something terrible is happening, the more you should laugh at them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no point getting caught in a battle of wills with someone in a position of power. They will win and you will lose, it's that simple. Let them call the shots.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cosmic activity in your own sign encourages you to believe that you can do anything. But you will accomplish more in the long-term if you focus on one particular talent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You know it pays to be honest but because you are uncertain how some people might react if you tell them the truth, you are reluctant to open your mouth. That's a mistake. They need your input, so speak up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may annoy you that certain people don't take your ideas seriously but it's their loss. There are options open to you now — and you don't need anyone's help but your own.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Why are you so reluctant to take the advice of a friend? Most likely it's because you don't want to admit that you made the wrong choice. But what's the big deal? You're human like everyone else.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may need to force yourself to be enthusiastic about what you are expected to do, but it's an effort worth making. The better the job you do, the more likely it is you will be offered something more interesting later on.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your confidence may not be up to its usual levels at the moment but it's not the end of the world. If you encounter the kind of opposition that makes you feel uncomfortable, just back off a bit. You've got plenty of time.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Admit it: You have bitten off more than you can chew and now you are looking around for a way out. Well, that's too bad because there isn't one. Do the best you can and live with the consequences.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will let someone know that you don't want to argue but they are hell bent on having it out with you. In which case you might as well tell them what you really think. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Sports

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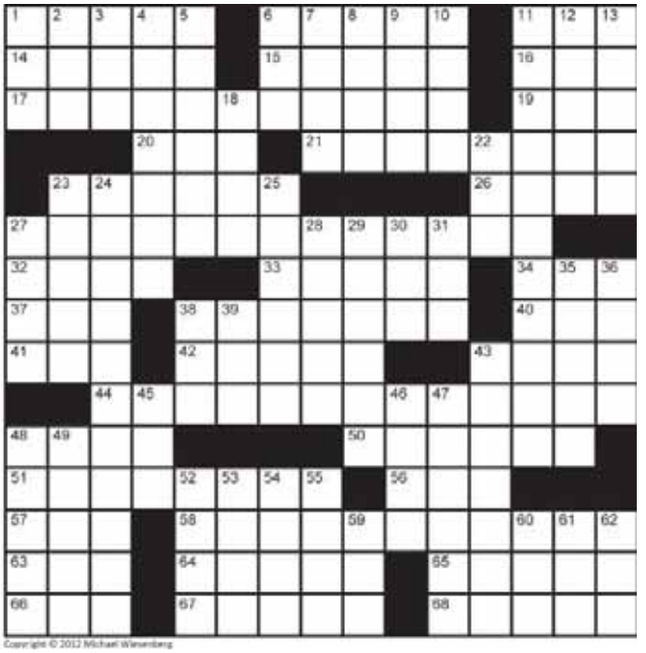

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Across
1. Give a quick welcome
6. Ascend
11. Cable chan. for old films
14. Condescending type
15. Export from Côte d'Ivoire
16. A Gershwin
17. Regina CFL team
19. US Republicans
20. US amateur-sports gp.
21. *Le Rouge et le Noir* author
23. Bola hurler
26. Sermon's end?
27. Alberta hockey team
32. Man or Capri
33. Agitate a liquid
34. Monitor, for short
37. Able, jocularly
38. Where to find Kingston
40. Fish eggs
41. Ring around the Islands
42. "You ___ one"
43. Word on a greasy spoon's marquee
44. Former MLB team from Québec
48. ___ Jet
50. More flexible
51. Airy
56. Memo letters
57. Hawaiian tuna
58. Winnipeg team
63. Bewilderment
64. "This ___ a laughing matter"
65. ___ Boingo: Danny Elfman's former group
66. "Pipe down!"
67. "Ready, ___!"
68. Modern treaty violation

Down
1. Map abbr. before 1991
2. Part of a University of Ottawa cheerleader's request
3. Not me
4. The most popular scale of model railway in the world
5. *Odyssey* setting
6. MV/V
7. Early Beatles, affectionately
8. Rapper who acts on *Law & Order: S.V.U.*
9. Arabian mother
10. Cap'n's mate
11. Fix
12. Native of Zagreb
13. With 48-Down, Toronto team
18. German industrial center
22. Darin's love
23. Canada's ___ Bay
24. Mercury record
25. Blue ___ Cult
27. French sky
28. Scathing online criticism
29. "Because I'm worth it" brand
30. Faulkner's ___ *Lay Dying"*
31. Electrical unit that forms another unit upon reversal
35. Wind turbine part
36. Dick Tracy's Truehart
38. Ball or bass following
39. Alta. neighbor
43. Art show
45. It comes out of the ground
46. Accounting acronym
47. Earlier form of a word
48. See 13-Down
49. Set of cultural values
52. Pitcher stats
53. On the other hand
54. Dorothy's Em
55. Carroll of old *TV's Topper*
59. "Takin' Care of Business" band
60. Québec-to-Montréal dir.
61. Abbreviated linemen
62. Drunkard

Yesterday's crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

8			4		7			
6	4						3	7
	7			1		2		
	1		3	5				8
		9				4		
5				7	4		2	
		8		2			1	
3	6						9	2
			6		9			3

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	2	7	5	4	6	8	9	1
4	9	6	2	8	1	6	3	7
1	8	6	9	7	3	4	2	5
6	5	8	7	3	9	2	1	4
9	3	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
7	4	1	8	6	2	3	5	9
8	6	9	1	2	7	5	4	3
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E. Indian/Nuggets	$31.56/g
18k	$29.15/g
14k and dental	$22.66/g
10k	$16.17/g
9k	$14.57/g
8k/antique gold	$9.72/g

Gold Bar Buying Prices

Gold Bars | Buy Price

Gold 1 ounce (Recognized)	$1,502.76
Gold 10 ounce (Recognized)	$14,954.90
Gold 1kg (Recognized)	$48,051.07
Gold bars, less than 1 ounce (Recognized)	$48.06/g
999 Gold bar (Unrecognized)	$46.74/g

Silver Coin, Bars, and Jewellery Buying Prices - Canada Coins | Price

Maple Leaf (1 ounce Silver)	$26.68/coin

Silver Jewellery and Other Silver | Price

Stamped Sterling Silver Flatware	$0.55/g
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Mexican Silver stamped 925	$0.44/g
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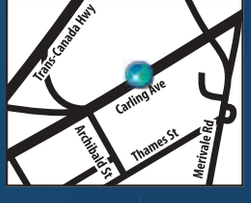

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